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Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 17, 2001

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if it is determined that any fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge said fee to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as attached therein and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "first class mail" in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231" on September 17, 2001.

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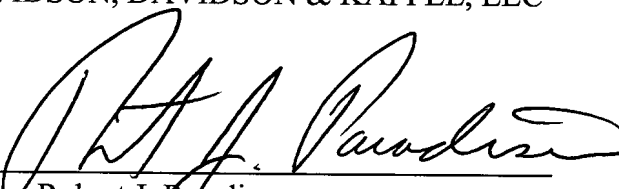
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited on the accompanying PTO Form-1449 be considered and made of record. If any of the publications listed thereon are missing, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be promptly forwarded.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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